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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL-MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS: GOP CALLS FOR TALKS

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IN CAREFULLY WORDED FEB 7 STATEMENT, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CALLED
FOR EARLY HIGH LEVEL TALKS TO IRON OUT OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN
PORTUGUESE-MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS. GOP RECOGNIZED THAT RECENT
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DECISION OF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT TO NATIONALIZE PRIVATE

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (REFTEL) WAS "AN INHERENT RIGHT OF ITS SOVEREIGN PREROGATIVES," BUT EXPRESSED APPREHENSION OVER EFFECT MEASURES WOULD HAVE ON PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY IN MOZAMBIQUE. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, COUNCIL AFFIRMED, FOR ACT TO BE INTERPRETED AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN ONE OF "ANIMOSITY" TOWARD PORTUGAL. GOP RECOGNIZED THAT PORTUGUESE RESIDENT IN MOZAMBIQUE MIGHT HAVE TO CONSIDER LEAVING THAT COUNTRY, THUS DESTROYING THE "MOST PRECIOUS INSTRUMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES." CARLUCCI

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